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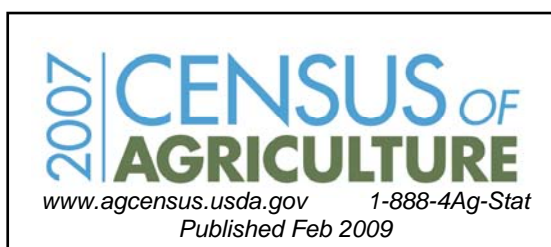
Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 5 Percent in February

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 21, 2008 --- Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during February 2008 totaled 102 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 5 percent from February 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 93.5 million pounds live weight, was up 8 percent from February 2007. Total head slaughtered was 73,600 up 6 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 22 pounds to 1,281 pounds. Veal production was 5.6 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter, at 13,900 head, was down 7 percent, and average live weight increased 25 pounds to 401 pounds. Pork production, at 59.1 million pounds live weight, was up 5 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 231,800, up 3 percent from February of 2007. Average live weight was 255 pounds, up 3 pounds from February of last year. Lamb and mutton production was 356,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent. The number slaughtered was 3,500, up 17 percent from February of last year. The average live weight increased 5 pounds from February 2007 to 101 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for February totaled 3.97 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 10 percent from the 3.62 billion pounds produced in February 2007. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 3 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,285 pounds. Veal production, at 11.0 million pounds, was 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,100 head, up 4 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was 36 pounds below last year, at 272 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.90 billion pounds, up 16 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.38 million head, up 16 percent from February 2007. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was up 4 percent from February 2007. Sheep slaughtered totaled 211,400 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from February a year ago.

January-February red meat production was 8.38 billion pounds, up 9 percent from 2007. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 15 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was up 1 percent.



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